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SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT PARK AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER
KIM CHONG-P'IL

1. AT THE REQUEST OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM CHONG-P'IL, (KCP) "MICKEY" KIM CAME TO SEE ME JANUARY 4 TO PROVIDE BRIEF SUM UP OF MEETING BETWEEN KCP AND PRESIDENT PARK DECEMBER 31. PLEASE PROTECT BOTH SOURCES OF INFORMATION.
2. KCP REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT PARK WAS VERY SATISFIED AND HAPPY WITH "SETTLEMENT" OF PENDING ISSUES RELATING TO INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED KOREAN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HANDLING OF ALLEGED BUGGING OF BLUE HOUSE. PRESIDENT PARK SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED THE CASES CLOSED AND THE ISSUES SETTLED AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. WHEN KCP REMINDED HIM THAT INVESTIGATION WAS STILL UNDER WAY, PARK RESPONDED THAT HE RECOGNIZED THIS BUT HE FELT NOTHING NEW WOULD EMERGE FROM THESE INVESTIGATIONS. IF OTHER REPORTS DID EMERGE, PARK SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THESE AND NOT REACT.

3. ACCORDING TO KCP, HE SUGGESTED TO PARK THAT THIS WAS THE RIGHT STRATEGY AND ROKG SHOULD NOW FOCUS ON "FUNDAMENTAL" ISSUES BETWEEN US AND KOREA. HE SUGGESTED PARK MIGHT SEND HIGH LEVEL ENVOY ON FACT-FINDING MISSION TO US SO THAT PARK

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WOULD BE BETTER INFORMED ABOUT US OPINION. PARK DID NOT REACT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD THINK ABOUT THIS SUGGESTION.

4. ACCORDING TO MICKEY KIM, KCP FELT THAT PARK WAS NOT AS WELL INFORMED AS HE SHOULD BE ON THE DETAILS OF US-ROK PROBLEMS, BOTH THE RECENT ISSUES AND BROADER PROBLEMS; KCP IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN THIS RESPECT.

HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD LIKE TO FULFILL SPECIAL ENVOY ROLE, ALTHOUGH
HE DID NOT SUGGEST THIS DIRECTLY TO PARK. I SHALL HAVE OPPORTU-
NITY TO HAVE FULLER DISCUSSION WITH KCP IN NEAR FUTURE. HE IS
PRESENTLY PLANNING A TRIP TO EUROPE THIS SPRING, WHICH HAS BEEN
CLEARED WITH PRESIDENT PARK. HE HAS IN MIND STOPPING IN US
IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY, IF PARK DECIDES NOT TO SEND OFFICIAL
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